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so as to render illegal the performance of service in temples by dancing girls, and that the service inam lands should be granted on ryotwari patta. No reference is made to the performance of temple service by devadasis through the male members of the family.

About twenty memorials from certain members of the Kalavantula community in the districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Kistna, Guntur, Bellary and Anantapur have recently been received by the Government. These memorials do not contain any request for the amendment of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

(b) The Government will consider the action to be taken.

Nominations to the Temple committees.

* 747 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state who the members of the Legislative Council are who have been nominated by the Government since 4th December 1926 to the membership of the temple committees?

A.—A list is laid on the table. a

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Question 747 has been withdrawn since ; but, if it is the wish of the Government Member, the answer will go into the official report.”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I should like to answer it, Sir.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ It is a withdrawn question. The Standing Order is that if the Government Member wishes it, the answer will go into the official report.”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ If the question had not been put on the agenda, it would have been all right, Sir ; but since it has been put on the agenda, I propose to answer it. Otherwise it would give a wrong impression.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Then it will go into the official report.”

Veterinary

Stipends sanctioned for the Veterinary Colleges.

* 748 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of stipends sanctioned by the Government for the Veterinary Colleges, from year to year during the last seven years, and their value ;

(b) the reason for the decrease, if any, in the number of such stipends and in the value thereof, if any ;

(c) the number of stipends awarded to students of each community in each year during the last seven years ;